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ELECTION RESULTS:

PRESIDENT: Raymond E Heuer 25; Len Kakofka 21; Roger Oliver 14; Margaret Bemignani 6; Marie Beyerlein 1; Bob Howes 2; Oppose All Candidates 4; No Vote 1.

TREASURER: Steve Brooks 47; Robert Sacks 17; Walter Buchanan 1; Richard Walkerdine 1; Oppose All Candidates 6; No Vote 2.

OMBUDSMAN: John Baker 50; Russel Fox 9; John Leeder 1; Clive Booth 1; Chuck Doeher 6; Oppose All Candidates 3; No Vote 4.

EDITOR: Ben Grossman 61; Scott Rosenberg 1; John Boyer 1; Paul Willey 1; Gordon Anderson 1; Oppose All Candidates 7; No Vote 2.

SPECIAL PROJECTS EDITOR: Greg Costikyan 61; Charles Reinsel 2; Bob Howes 1; Oppose All Candidates 6; NO Vote 4.

US PROJECTS CHAIRMAN: Bob Hartwig 25; Jeffery Wells 7; Stephen Tihor 5; Roger Oliver 1; Robert Lipton 1; Oppose All Candidates 2; No Vote 5.

CANADIAN PROJECTS CHAIRMAN: Cal White 6; Laurence Gillespie 1.

Let it be known that these, and only these, are the results of the elections for IDA Officers for 1977. Any other results, printed anywhere else, are invalid and without meaning.

Unfortunately, due to a variety of oversights and accidents on my part, certain troubles have arisen during the conduct of these elections. I regreatfully apologize, and detail these occurrences here:

Firstly, I forgot the inconcievable stupidity of the USPS, and placed Edi Birsan's address on the outside of the ballot/issue. With this, the USPS began to screw things up, first by delivering some 35-odd issues to Edi; rather than their intended persons. Edi immediately took each of these, and, placing them in envelopes, readdressed and re-stamped and re-mailed them the following day. This was my error, and the extra costs of remailing I have and will pay for.

The USPS was not yet finished, and several persons have apparantly never received their DR 6,1's. Of these, only two bothered to communicate this lack to me, so that I could replace their issues in time. I have since learned of several other no-issues, who did not think it important enough to notify me earlier. There is little I can do for them, silence is its own reward.

I, acting on previous statements of my position, and my interpretation of the status of IDA (NOT IDA/NA, no such group presently exists), communicated with the UK and CER regions, requesting that they conduct their portion of the elections and then call-in results to me. I was informed by Walter Luc Haas that, but agreement, IDA/CER had been dissolved, and the autonomous treasury dispersed amongst the members. I was informed by Richard Walkerdine that he would conduct the elections in IDA/UK, and call the results in to me, altho he was uncertain about the position of IDA/UK vis-a-vis North America, as he thought that the actions of certain parties had effectively, by decree, and without authority, separated them from IDA. I informed him that this was not the case as I saw it, and that these were IDA elections, and that the Autonomous UK region members might vote in it.

I recieved results for UK on March 13, and for Edi Birsan for North America on the 15th of March. I then let Edi know of the status of the UK votes. Apparantly, at some later hour, both Len Lakofka and Walter Buchanan called Edi, and recieved the results

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ADDRESSES:

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the following persons, please let me know, there issues have come back one or more times, without new addresses:

Michale Butt, Gary Wish, Richard Locke, John Machir

BOARDMAN NUMBERS / ORIGINS 77 DIPLOMACY TOURNAMENT

By agreement with Avalon Hill and Doug Beyerlein, I will be running the Dip Tournament at Origins 77. I will, in consequence of the size of this affair (c.200 in this Tournament), require some considerable assistance. Therefore, I would most sincerely like to know who, amongst the postal hobby, plans on attending Origins, or could come; and would be willing to help with this task.

Hopefully, the Con Flyer I have prepared will be in this issue, but for a brief review; we will be using the Brisas/Rocamora system developed at Origins 75 & 76, with prizes for 1st thru 4th, and for Best Country; the Convention will be July 22-24, and will be held by Simulations Publications Inc (SPI) at Wagner College on Staten Island (New York City); Diplomacy Sessions are scheduled for Saturday Afternoon and Sunday morning. For more details, write SPI, 44 E 23 St, NY NY 10010, attn: Brad Hessel/Origins 77. Registration forms are now available.

Please let me know if you can/will help out. As things stand the proceeds of this affair will be either donated to the BNC, or, should IDA agree to raise the BNC susidy for 1977 to \$1 (as I have suggested), to IDA. Expected revenue is on the order of \$200 or more, with a \$2.00 entry fee(the difference is prizes and other expenses, and accounting of which will be made available afterwards).

HANDBOOK

Greg (as SPE), has begun to consider ideas for the 1977 IDA Handbook. As it stands, he propose to, rather than offer a combination of reprint articles and new articles on stratgey and tactics, do cover the whole postal hobby.

Thus there will be sections on Press, Diplomacy, Stabbing, Strategy, Publishing, Gamesmastering, Tactics, How to Lose Gracefully, When to NMR, When the Cost of A Long Distance Call is Worth It, SpaceFilling, Creative Insults, Variant Design, Running A Part Time Zine, Causing Anarchy, and many more.

If you are at all interest, wish to write something, wish to reccomend the reprinting os something, or otherwise offer advice and/or help and/or criticism, Greg will be at least happy to hear that you care. I can even definately state that, unless and Act of Ghod intervens, he will answer all letters sent to him, within a short time.

If you have something ready, by all means send it, but, well, Greg is not any more perfect than the rest of us, so make a carbon or xerox in case something happens to it.

COUNCIL DOINGS

a recording of the last acts of the 1976+ IDA Council

as of 28 mar 77

bill	nr	Grossman	Neiger	Lakofka	Walkerdine	Baker	Kelley	Tihor	Diller	RESULTS
77.01		N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	6/2 PASSED
77.04		Y	I	N	Y	N	Y	A	Y	4/3 PASSED
77.05		N	N	N	I	-	-	-	N	0/4 FAILED
77.11a		N	Y	Y	D	I	N	-	-	DEBATED
77.11b5		N	N	N	N	I	I	-	Y	1/4 FAILED
77.11c		Y	N	N	N	I	Y	-	-	2/3 FAILED
77.12		Y	Y	D	D	Y	Y	Y	Y	DEBATED
77.13		I	Y	Y	D	Y	Y	Y	Y	DEBATED
77.14		Y	Y	D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	DEBATED
77.15		Y	Y	D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	DEBATED
77.16		Y	Y	D	I	Y	Y	Y	N	DEBATED
77.17		Y	Y	Y	I	Y	Y	Y	Y	7/0 PASSED
77.18		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	8/0 PASSED

These actions of Council were carried out in COUNCIL COURIER 77.02, which is at present moment produced by the Editor in lieu of a President (The President will henceforth deal with these matters). Those who should care note that Abstain votes were to be counted as Against for passage/failure, as under Council procedures.

Dave Kadlecsek, Larry Moran, and Laurence Gillespie failed to vote this time.

The following is a short summary of the text of each bill proposed.

77.01 The ballots for all IDA referenda and elections to be stored in Hoosier Archives)P)

77.04 The Council finds the constitutional amendment actions of Len Lakofka null, void and unconstitutional.)P(

77.05 To Appoint Marie Beyerlein Acting President (F).

77.11a To support the Buchanan/Davis referendum on the Miller Numbers(D).

b To take a neutral stance in the MNC dispute, but to reject the referendum as improperly conducted(F).

c To recognize Robert Sacks as MNC, and to request a cessation of the efforts to steal the office from him(F).

77.12 Lifetime membership to John Boyer for services rendered(D).

77.13 To recommend John Boyer for the Hohn McCallum Merrittourious Service Award(D).

77.14 To award Lifetime Membership to Edi Birsan, for services rendered (D).

77.15 To direct Len Lakofka to reimburse the IDA for the monies used, out of the IDA treasury, without appropriation, for the constitutional ammendment ballots rejected in 77.04 (D).

77.16 To establish a DIPCON and General Meeting Committee of Len Lakofka and Charles Doeher to negotiate with TSR (D).

77.17 To establish an Origins 77 Diplomacy Tournament Committee, of Ben Grossman, Greg Sostikyan, and Mike Rocamora, to negotiate with SPI)P(.

77.18 To pay Ben Grossman \$4.50 for CC 77.02(P).

This ends my tenure as executive for the IDA. I can say, in all sincerity, that I now understand why some people felt the old formation had to go. Certain persons on the Council have shown and impressive respect for the powers of Debate, to the point that they nearly paralyze the Council, and even have the unmitigated Gaul to Debate motions concerning themselves, whereas proper respect would call for them to neither vote nor participate in the Debate unless specifically asked..Further these same people have generally taken an attitude that I found objectionable.

However, since the vote of the membership has removed them from any position of power, regardless of their own ideas, I won't carry my troubles any further.

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for North America.

Len then published a flyer, labeled, I recall, Council Courier, stating that he had been elected President on the basis of the North American votes. I talked with Len later that evening, and expressed my uncertainty on the status of the UK votes, and asked that he take no action until I informed him of results.

I then delayed for one week printing DR to consult, at PrinceCon, with various of the parties involved and old Council members. Nothing of great worth resulted, and I was left entirely to my own devices.

I have, accordingly, made my decision. It is presented above, with the combined North American and British votes.

It is my understanding that Both Len Lakofka and Walter Buchanan refuse to see the perspective I have vis-a-vis the UK votes, and are considering Len President. Therefore, it behoves me to publish my images in the matter.

In past years, UK members, altho paying dues to their autonomous treasury, and not directly receiving DR, were considered full members, along with CER members, and were franchised to vote in IDA Council elections each year. Then the original referendum on the proposed new constitution was taken, and no UK or CER persons received ballots, thus cutting them out from voting on a question crucial to their position. This disenfranchisement I cannot condone.

Somewhat latter, after much maneuvering, Greg & Myself issued DR V,5 when Scott gave up on the hobby. Contained within was a further ballot for the proposed constitution, not in and of itself constitutional, but a more reasonable compromise offer. This resulted in the adoption of the new constitution. Unfortunately, we did not possess a copy of the UK or CE membership, and were unable to poll them on the matter, thus also disenfranchising them again. This was our fault, and we regret it. However, it can not be actively undone, and so we must live somehow with it.

Therefore, as the UK members have as yet been totally unable to express their own voice in this matter, I could not see them in any light but as members as they had been previously, of an autonomous region, but not independent. Apparently, certain persons have taken it upon themselves to declare that the British are "not dues paying members"; an attitude they never held under the old constitution. To me, this smacks of a system of tyranny quite in line with their earlier comments of a 'coup'. I find neither attitude acceptable, and am regrettably reminded of the manner in which the Nazi's took the rights and lives of German Jews away without offering them the opportunity to vote against the measures, even if such would not have materially affected the outcome. This is a harsh allegory, but the best one that comes to me, and I have a feel of such a position is involved.

Thus it seems obvious to me that the British are still full members, with the whole voting powers, rights, and responsibilities of all other members. Recall, the constitution as adapted reads "The IDA is a diplomacy hobby service organization whose purpose is to make the diplomacy hobby more fun and more interesting for all North American diplomacy players." Nowhere is any mention of membership being restricted to NA made.

Certain persons have asserted that they will support Len's claim to the Presidency regardless. I have only one response to this, for it comes from the same persons who still claim this is IDA/NA:

To create an organization with the title IDA/NA would require the new establishment of such an organization from scratch. To attempt to create such by de jure methods in the adoption of a new constitution of an organization known as IDA is improper. To then maintain that the new organization, IDA/NA, can encompass and appropriate the treasury belonging to the IDA is out and out THEFT. Not only can I not condone such THEFT, but I can and will oppose it with all the resources at my control and within my reach. Need I mention the actions of certain recent political office-holders as examples on truly misguided, but still illegal action of a similar nature?

Should it be contended that this is in fact IDA/NA (and I do NOT), I must require that the whole of all monies contained in the present IDA treasury be redistributed to

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the present membership on a pro rated basis. The question of eligibility of persons who have in the past been members but are no longer, and of persons who have only purchased materials from the IDA for some portion of such funds would have to be considered.

To go to such an extreme would be both drastic and undesirable. But it is the only course of action I can see if a single President does not result shortly, and with the support of persons for the existence of the IDA.

In any case, the Council will be undertaking action and debate immediately, so if you wish to make yourself heard, write to ALL of the Council members, as listed on the second page of this issue.

Remember, this is an organization OF and FOR the membership AS A WHOLE. Express yourself and influence the actions of the Council.

Time considerations prevent me from publishing the IDA membership list in this issue, but it will be ready and included for next issue.

DR VI,3 should be in the mail to you by the 1st of June. If you do not have it in your hands by the middle of June, please write me and let me know so that I can send you another.

Again, I need feedback to operate this affair. If you aren't going to have anything to say to my words, either positive or negative, constructive or destructive, what are you doing in this organization anyway. This is a SERVICE organization.

Mark Berch wishes to purchase back issues of Diplomacy zines. He is interested in any zine which either runs games of regular Diplomacy or articles on regular Diplomacy. Please send a description of what you are offering, and the asking price (includes postage, calculated on the basis of parcel post) to him at 492 Naylor Pl, Alexandria VA 22304.

VARIANT OPENINGS

As a variety of you know, Wlat Buchanan has contended that he will only carry a listing of Variant Openings in Diplomacy World if it counts against the pages he has assigned to variants and is the will of the variants editor of DW. Therefore, to give new hobby persons, who have purchased their sets from AH and never seen the old zines list, but only the Game Openings in DW; as well as older players looking for variants, this space is available. If I miss your openings, it is only by oversight or lack of knowledge. I would appreciate any news of Variant Openings.

URF DURFAL, GRANDSON of POUCH (Greg Costikyan)(1675 York Ave, NY NY 10028) has a variety of openings: Diplomafia, Near Utter Chaos, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~, and probably almost anything else you might wish to try. Game fee is \$3. Subs are probably \$2/7.

SPECULUM (Dave Kadleck, Box 802, U of Santa Clara, Santa Clara CA 95053) has openings in Sword & Sorcery Diplomacy (GF \$1.50) and Chinese Diplomacy (GF \$1). Subs are 10/\$2 surface mail, more otherwise. Sample copies 13¢.

ISE

As of today, the ISE (IDA International Subscription Exchange) is once again operational. This is a service for the transfer of small or large sums between persons in different countries. While designed for subscriptions, we will handle other transfers as well.

Presently operational are the US and UK branches. If players on either side wish to transfer funds, they may do so by sending me (\$) or Dave Johnson (Pounds) a sum to be transferred. It is also necessary to inform the recipient of these funds of the transfer, so that he/she/it can, if desired, withdraw them at the other end. Otherwise all funds deposited will be left on account.

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This service is free, and can save massive bank exchange rate fees. However, it is neither professional nor exceptional quick or effective. Neither Dave nor I have hours to spend on this, but transactions will go thru eventually.

Dave's address is: "Highfield", Gorelands Lane, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks HP8 4HQ, UNITED KINGDOM.

Dave is looking for someone to replace him, and interested British are asked to write him for details.

Also needed are Canadian, Australian, and a Continental Europe officers. It is mainly necessary to be willing to contribute time and effort, but I expect that it would be exceptionally helpful if you had a bank account in the US, to facilitate transfers. Please write to me if you are interested/willing.

Other projects with IDA backing presently underway include the IDA Novice Project, write to Robert Correll, 44 Rawlinson Ave, Toronto Ontario, CANADA M4P 2M9 for details; The Boardman Numbers (Doug Beyerlein); The Miller Numbers (Robert Sacks); IDA Evaluation Committee, write Roger Oliver, Box 452, Denville NJ 07834 for details;

DIPCON X

This year's DipCon will be held in conjunction with GENCON, to be run by TSR over the 18-20 of August in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Len Lakofka will be running the Diplomacy Tournament (which is DIPCON), and should be contacted for further details. Write to TSR (POB 756, Lake Geneva WI 53147) or Len Lakofka (644 W Briar Pl, Chicago IL 60657).

ADDRESS CODES: located in the upper right hand corner of your address label is an indication of when your membership expires. Memberships expiring this issue are listed on page 2. If 77-2 appears there, then this is your last issue unless you renew. Other numbers indicate the xth issue of the year in which your membership will expire, ie, 78-3 is the third issue in 1978.

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SPECIAL NOTICE: The new ombudsman, John Baker, has taken a vote of the newly elected Council members (minus a President), and found that a majority stand as favouring the counting of the British votes. John requests that anyone objecting to this should consult with him in his capacity as Ombudsman to settle disputes or offer solutions. He will hear all complaints concerning such actions. ---BKG
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